GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have noted that Pakistan national have been entering India using Bangladeshies passport and Bangladesh has become a `Minor Industry` for issue of passport to such Pakistan nationals;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry have taken this issue with the External Affairs to take up this issue with the Government of Bangladesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Government of India is aware of the reports of the possible existence of an organized racket in Bangladesh, in which Pak nationals are being assisted in acquiring Bangladeshi passports for their possible infiltration into India.

(b) & (c): Government of India has been regularly taking up this as will as other security-related issues with Bangladesh at different levels through diplomatic channels and institutional mechanisms existing between the two countries. The Government of Bangladesh has assured us at the highest level and more recently during the visit of Foreign Minister of Bangladesh to India that it would not allow its territory to be used for activities inimical to India`s interests.

(d): Does not arise.